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## **An Efficient Admiral Directing The CIA**

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William F. Raborn was asked the other day if he were to be appointed to head a major agency of the Federal government.

"I haven't heard a thing about it," Raborn answered.

Minutes later President Johnson, with Raborn at his side, announced that he had appointed the retired admiral as the new director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Raborn's early reply showed that he had at least one qualification for his new position—ability to keep a secret.

Raborn is tough, efficient and knows his way around Washington and industry. He was the naval officer in charge of the Polaris missile system. He has earned the reputation as a man who gets things done. He won't tolerate delays or even good excuses.

As head of the Central Intelligence Agency Raborn faces a new challenge. The CIA, in most public minds, just ferrets out information, one way or another, on the plans and activities of possible enemies. The full scope of the CIA has never been detailed. The nature of the agency's assignment is such that details of all of its operations just cannot be disclosed.

Raborn is the first military man to direct the agency. He succeeds John A. McCone, a West Coast industrialist. Allen Dulles, who was largely responsible for the modern-day development of the CIA, was a career diplomat. Raborn embodies some of the qualifications of his predecessors. He was with the Aerojet Corp., between his retirement from the Navy and being tapped for the top CIA post. He had to be a diplomat in his long and successful negotiations with the Pentagon in the culmination of the Polaris missile program.

The CIA is such a super secret operation that claims have been made that one segment of it doesn't know what the other is doing. Admiral Raborn, one may be sure, will always know what is going on—and why.